

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 139

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to recognize Claire Martin as a recipient of the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improve the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Claire Martin, a resident of Petersburg and a student at Cornersville High School, is one such citizen who achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy establishing “Little Free Libraries” at three locations in Marshall County; the libraries are small structures built to resemble miniature schoolhouses that are stocked with donated books accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, in carrying out this project, Claire Martin worked with the community and local officials to host book drives and find appropriate locations for the libraries; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin chose this project in order to encourage reading by providing the community with easy access to books; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of

young people like Claire Martin who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the members of this legislative body give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Ms. Martin, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient Claire Martin, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.